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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Action on IATA Agreement  
Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 15th day of March, 2002**

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Agreement adopted by the Tariff :  
Coordinating Conferences of the :  
International Air Transport Association :  
relating to passenger service matters :

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**Docket QST-2001-11018-2  
R-1 through R-7; R-10**

**ORDER**

Various members of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have filed an agreement with the Department under sections 41308 and 41309 of Title 49 of the United States Code (the Code), and Part 303 of the Department's regulations. The agreement was adopted at the twenty-third Passenger Services Conference (PSC) held in Vienna, Austria on Oct 17-18, 2001. 1/

The agreement consists of expedited resolutions and recommended practices (R.P.'s) affecting passenger services. They address codes, formats and procedures relating to the issuance of electronic and paper tickets, baggage checks, boarding passes and other travel documents; miscellaneous charges orders (MCO); and the numbering system for traffic documents.

These proposals involve non-substantive changes, essentially of a technical, editorial or administrative nature, to existing approved resolutions and recommended practices, and appear to be in conformity with our substantive policies and concerns. As such, they raise no public interest issues and will be approved.

Furthermore, we conclude that the approved portions of the agreement should be granted immunity from the operation of the antitrust laws to the extent necessary to permit their implementation. They amend existing provisions already approved and immunized by the

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1/ IATA memorandum PSC/Reso/111 filed with the Department on November 16, 2001. Two resolutions were submitted for information only because they are among the 37 PSC resolutions and recommended practices that the Department has exempted from prior review and approval requirements. (See Order 2002-1-15, January 29, 2002, Docket OST-01-9575.) The resolutions listed for information only are 726a (Multiple Purpose Document (MPD) Carrier, Carbonised Automated), and 726e (Multiple Purpose Document (MPD) Neutral, Carbonised Manual).

Department, and none raises immunity issues not previously considered. The conferral of immunity upon them is consistent with our policy of conferring immunity on amendments coextensively with the underlying agreements.

Pursuant to the authority duly assigned under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.13:

1. We do not find resolutions R-1 through R-7, and R-10 of the agreement in Docket OST-2001-11018, as set forth below, to be adverse to the public interest, in violation of the Code, or likely to lessen competition substantially:

**Docket OST-01-11018**

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Description</u>
R-1; 720a	Passenger Ticket and Baggage Check-Issuance and Honouring Procedures (Amending) (1 December 2001)
R-2; 720a	Passenger Ticket and Baggage Check-Issuance and Honouring Procedures (Amending) (1 February 2002)
R-3; 722	Transitional Automated Ticket (TAT) (Amending) (1 February 2002)
R-4; 722c	Automated Ticket/Boarding Pass-Version 2 (ATB2) (Amending) (1 February 2002)
R-5; 722f	Electronic Ticket/Electronic Miscellaneous Documents - Airline (Amending) (1 January 2002)
R-6; 725a	Miscellaneous Charges Order (MCO) Issuance and Honouring Procedures By Members (Amending) (1 February 2002)

**Docket OST-01-11018**

Resolution

R-7; 725b

Description

Miscellaneous Charges Order (MCO)  
Issuance and Honouring Procedures  
(Agents)  
(Amending)  
(1 February 2002)

R-10; 1720a

Standard Thirteen-Digit Numbering System  
For Traffic Documents  
(Amending)  
(1 January 2002)

ACCORDINGLY,

We approve and grant antitrust immunity to the agreement contained in Docket OST-01-11018, as set forth in the finding paragraph above, subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order, under 14 CFR 385.50, may file such petitions within seven days after the date of service of this order.

This order shall be effective and shall become the action of the Department of Transportation upon expiration of the above period, unless within such period a petition for review is filed or the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs gives notice that she will review this order on her own motion.

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